

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-0013-C - ORDER NO. 2000-0515

JUNE 20, 2000

IN RE: Proceeding to Address Third Party Testing of )  
Operational Support Systems (OSS) of )  
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. )

ORDER

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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") following an informal proceeding held on March 20, 2000.

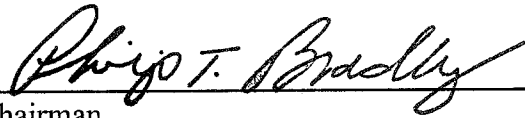
The instant docket was created following an arbitration proceeding involving ITC^DeltaCom Communications, Inc. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. As part of the decision from that arbitration proceeding, this Commission directed that a generic docket be established to address inter-carrier quality of service measures, including performance measures, "performance guarantees," penalties, and liquidated damages provision. In ruling on the request of several parties, the Commission issued Order No. 2000-0232, dated March 7, 2000, in which the Commission ordered that informal proceedings be conducted in this docket and further ordered that the issues of third party testing of BellSouth's OSS and performance measures be bifurcated into separate informal proceedings. The informal proceeding on third party testing of BellSouth's OSS was held on March 20, 2000. The informal proceeding on performance measures was scheduled for June 19, 2000.

In light of the informal proceeding on performance measures set for June 19 as well as the ongoing review of third party testing of BellSouth's OSS in both Georgia and

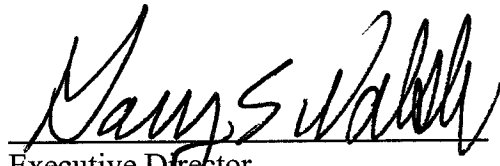
Florida, the Commission believes that it should hold any decision regarding third party testing of BellSouth's OSS in abeyance at this time. Staff is instructed to monitor the progress of third party testing reviews in Georgia and Florida and to keep the Commission informed as to the progress of the reviews in those states.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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